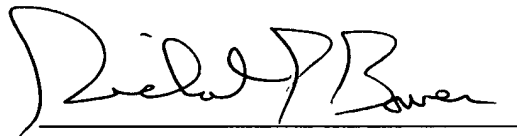


**Remarks**

The specification has been amended to incorporate the priority information in the first line of the specification. The claims have been amended to place them in better form for Examination and to meet United States patent claims standards.

The Applicant believes that no fee is required with regard to this Request. However, in the event that a fee is required, the Commissioner is authorized to charge such fee to Deposit Account No. 50-1710. Applicant's undersigned attorney can be reached at (202) 625-3500. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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